CONSIDERING ARMY BILLS

Important Measures for Reorganization and Increase of Army.

MR. HULL IS CONFIDENT

He Expects to Pass His Army Bill Before the Holidays-The Bill Drafted by General Nelson A. Miles-Has Not Been Before the Committee But Will Be Considered in the Near Future.

Washington, Dec. 9.-The house committee on military affairs began consideration today of the important measures and the reorganization and increase of the army to meet the conditions arising out of the war. Such progress was made that Chairman Hull said at the close of the meeting that he expected not only to report the bill to the house before the holidays, but also to pass it by that time. In order to expedite the work daily committee meetings will be held, beginning next General Miles and General Schofield, the present and the late commanding officer of the army, will be invited to be present on Monday to offer suggestions and recommendations. Following them the various heads of staff, bureau, the adjutant general, commissary general and quartermaster

general will be heard. More than usual interest attached to the meeting today in view of the effect of this legislation upon the future status of the army. The bill immediately under consideration was the Hull blil introduced by Chairman Hull and having the approval of Secretary Al-The other army bill, drawn by General Miles, was not before the committee, so that no comparison of their provisions was attempted.

THE MILES BILL

Miles bill probably will be introduced in the house on Monday and referred to the military committee, so as to be taken up when General Miles is heard. For today, however, the committee confined its attention to going over the various provisions of the Hull bill. Mr. Hull explained the plan of the measure in so shaping the arms of the service so as to bring the total effective force up to 100,000 and this led to general discussion. No decisions mouth, nose an eyes. A doctor was were reached and no votes were taken on any of the features of the bill, the whole subject going over,

TROOPS FOR HAVANA.

First Body to March Through the City Will Be the 202d New York.

Havana, Dec. 9 .- The first United States troops to march through the streets of Havana will be the Two Hundred and Second New York regiment, landing there from the transport Minnewaska, through the heart of Havana to the western railroad station. The line of march will be through the Prado and Central park. These troops will be sent to Pinar del Rio province. General Davis, with the general head-

quarters staff and one battalion, will be at Pinar del Rio city, the regimental headquarters, and the Second battalion will be at Guanajay. The Third battalion will be stationed at Mariel and the Higgins signal company will be quartered at the city of Pinar del Rio. The troops will remain on board the Minnewaska tonight.

General Davis and his staff landed at noon today and reported to General Wade. He breakfasted with General All on board are well. baggage, stores and mules will be unloaded temorrow.

FILIPINOS AT WASHINGTON.

The Cortez Brothers Desire the Gift of American Citizenship.

Washington, Dec. 9.-The brothers Cortez, wealthy Filipinos, who have just arrived in Washington from Manila, called at the state department today and were received by Secretary Hay, who listened with interest to their statements of events and conditions in the Philippines. The callers brought | drew from the race with 1,225 miles with them letters from Generals Merritt and Otis. Consul Wildman and other American officers at Manila, speaking in terms of high praise of the valuable services rendered the United States troops and navy by these men and laps to his credit. He took about a telling of the heavy sacrifices made by them to assist our forces.

They seek as a measure of recognition the gift of American citizenship by special act in advance of other Fil-

RATIFICATION OF PEACE.

Treaty May Be Ready for the Senate About Monday Week.

Washington, Dec. 9.-A member of the cabinet said after today's meeting that the treaty of peace would be signed undoubteely by Monday and that it might be ready for submission to the nate within a week from that time. The American commissioners will not tarry in Paris after the signing of the treaty any longer than may be necessary to make the ordinary preparations for return and they will sail for home

by the 17th inst, The report that the administration in considering the sale of any part of the Philippines is untrue. It is asserted by the members of the cabinet to be absurd. The question of the final disposition of the Philippines is not yet ripe for consideration. It may come up later after a season of military control, but the idea has never been entertained by the administration that the United States can sell the islands either in whole or part. The proposition to do so would be sure, it is said, to precipitate a general war.

STEEL COMBINE.

The Federal Company Not Contem plating More Purchases.

New York, Dec. 9.-The Tribune will tomorrow print the following: "In regard to the reports that the Federal Steel company is negotiating for the purchase of the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad companies, H. H. Poster, chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Steel company; ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower, and a represen tative of President Gary, of the steel company, yesterday (Friday) announced that the company was not contemplating the purchase or control at present of any other company or corporation. When the steel company was in process of organization, the advisability of taking in the two railroads mentioned were discussed, but they were subsequently left off the list, as were also certain other corporations which had received more or less consideration, it being decided that the consolidation should meauge the Minneapolls Iron, the Illinois Steel, the Johnson Steel and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad companies. Since then it is declared the Federal company has given the subject of further absorptions no thought whatever, but has devoted its efforts to completing its

THE ROPE BROKE WITH ANDERSON

own organization. It is not impossible

that at some time in the future that

other companies, including railroad

companies, may receive attention."

Horrible Scene at the Hanging of the Murderer of Matt Saunders, of the Olive Pecker.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.-John Anderson, the condemned murderer of Mate Saunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker, was executed in the city jail at 3 p. m. today. He marched from his cell to the scaffold unsupported and with firm step ascended the steps without assistance. After prayer by Rev. J. B. of about 50 per cent. from the Spanish Merritt, chaplain of the Scamen's tariff rates. The understanding now is Bethel, who kissed him good bye, An-that there will be no export duties. derson made a short speech, saying he and that in other ways the burden of had forgiven the men who swore his life away and would die at peace with the world and God. He spoke pleasantly to and smiled at the death watchers and the crowd below, and in a firm voice said "I am ready." At 3.06 the trap was sprung and Anderson's body shot downward. The rope parted just inside the knot and his body fell to the

cobble stones. crowd. Officers and witnesses ran to the body and snatched the cap from called and soon Anderson opened his cision on this point will be reached was carried feet foremost, drs to the platfe taid down until a chair was obtained. He was then placed in this, but never spoke, Preparations for rebanging him were hurriedly made. The other end of the rope was adjusted around his neck. He was raised to a standing position and the straps again placed on ms limbs. While being supported by the officers the trap was again sprung. In 23 minwith band playing and colors flying, on | utes life was pronounced extinct. Nine Sunday from the San Jose wharf, after | minutes clapsed between the first and second drops. Anderson's neck was broken, supposedly by the last drop. Marshal Treat refused to turn the body over to the Virginia Anatomical society and it was placed in a handsome casket and buried in the Seamen's lot in Elmwood cemetery. When the rope broke there was a cry

MILLER BEATS

graph to the president."

from some one in the crowd: "Tele-

WORLD'S RECORD

Scenes at the Six Day Bicycle Race at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 10.-Before midnight Miller had beaten the world's record made by himself a year ago and his friends believe that he will be able to remain ahead of his own record until the race is ended. Large crowds thronged Madison Square Garden all day and at midnight thousands of enthusiasts remained to cheer on the jaded six day riders. Miller began to gain over his opponents early in the even-ing and at 8 o'clock he was only five miles behind his record of 1897. then left the track, remaining off 35 minutes. At 9 o'clock Turville withto his credit. At midnight Miller had 1.789 miles and six laps to his credit. about five miles ahead of his record at the same period last year. Waller, the second man, had 1,749 miles and eight half an hour's rest tonight and when he returned to the track he appeared to be in good condition. Miller, however, has such a good lead that unless he should weaken or meet with an accident he is a sure winner. Pierce was almost 23 miles behind Waller at midnight and looked very tired. Should anything happen to Miller, Waller will probably be the winner.

If Miller can keep up the advantage he has gained over last year's record until the end of the race tomorrow

night, he will earn a bonus of \$200. There were a number of exhibitions during the evening. Eddie Bald created a sensation by going a half mile in a record for the garden track. Eddie McDuffee rode a mile in 2.04%. and Arthur Gardiner went the same

distance in 2.05 3-5. Jimmy Michael went two miles paced by tandems, in 4.21 1-5. Tom Cooper went half a mile behind pacemakers in one minute, flat.

The last of the special events was an unlimited pursuit race by Nat Butler, of Boston, and Harry Caldwell, of Manchester, N. H. The race was the best of the evening. Caldwell won in 10.04 3-5, after a chase of four and a half miles.

The score at 1 a. m. was: Mille 1801.6; Waller, 1764.6; Pierce, 1736.6; Albert 1655.5; Gimm, 1602.2; Lawson, 1586; Aronson, 1545; Nawn, 1518; ens. 1481.1; Forster, 1494.3; Hale, 1384.7;

CABINET TALKS OF TERRITORY

CUBA, PORTO RICO AND THE

PHILIPPINES CONSIDERED. New Postal System to Be Established

and Otis at Manila Are Received Giving Views as to the Number of Troops Required for Duty in the Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 9 .-- The discussion of the details of the administration of government affairs in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines under the treaty of peace which is about to be signed in Paris, occupied a large part of the time at today's cabinet meeting. The stablishment of a new postal system in Cuba was regarded as a pressing necessity. The present purpose is to fashion the new system, as far as practicable, uonn our own model. Cablegrams were read from Admiral Dewey and General Otis, at Manila, giving their views as to the number of troops that it would be necessary to keep in London. the Philippines during the administration of military government. Further than this the contents of these messages were not made public, but the information received, it is stated, was

entirely satisfactory to the president. Nothing has been heard from Paris up to the close of the cabinet meeting. An official denial is authorized that the sale of the Philippine islands to any other nation has been considered by this government, and it is stated, that the published statement to the effect that their sale to Japan had been under discussion was altogether false. The cabinet also talked over an elab-

orate tariff measure which is now in preparation here to go into force, as ow planned, contemporaneously with the entire relinquishment of the island by the Spanish on Jan. 1. This tariff measure, it is said, will show an average reduction all along the line taxation will be reduced. Postmaster General Emory Smith remained in consultation with the president almost the entire afternoon, talking over the scheme of postal administration of Cuba. There are two projects considered, one to establish a United States system similar to that now operating in Porto Rico under direct administration and full control of the United States and the other to give the Cubans an independent postal system, to be established and equipped by the A thrill of horror ran through the United States government, but to be operated and administered and all expenses paid by the Cubans, this government merely furnishing equipment at cost prices and assuming only a supervisory connection with it. A deshortly. Postmaster General Emory Smith will send several representawithout delay. This commission may onsist of as many as four experts tive operations of the internal administration of the postollice, of mail

CONDITIONS AT MANILA. The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey summarizing the existing conditions at Manila and such other points in the Philippines as have been visited by his Advices also have been received from General Otis, the commandant of the United States military forces in the islands and they both go to show a notable improvement in conditions and the growth of a better spirit among those factions of the natives which promised to give trouble. This fact is particularly gratifying as the United States government is already giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it will be placed under by the treaty of Paris to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine natives. There are about 500 clerical prisoners and the government is confident that their captors will deliver them up on preper representations from General Otis and Admiral Dewey, made possible through Consul Wildman. It may be necessary to call the navy into service in this matter for the reason that Some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best and most effectively by Admiral Deweys ships. Besides these clerical prisoners, the Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners, men captured at the fall of Manila. These are actually on parole about the city and the quest'on is how they are to be returned to Spain. This must be settled by the peace commissioners at Paris.

EXPLOSION EXPLAINED.

Another Inflammatory Article on Subject of the Maine.

Madrid, Dec. 9.-The Imparcial today publishes another inflamatory article on the subject of the Maine charges. The paper intimates that the explosion was the outcome of an intense desire "upon the part of certain factions in the United States to see the outbreak of war, which was unpopular with the majority of Ameri-

The Imparcial adds: "The partisans of the war realized that something startling was necessary to arouse national sentiment-it was a remarkable hance. Almost all the Maine's officers ere on board another ship at the time of the catastrophe. Those who charge the Spaniards with being capable of such a monstrous act are well capable

of committing it themselves." In conclusion the Imparcial says: Spain cannot remain under such an infamous charge. It would be preferable to give the world the spectacle of national suicide."

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 2.—These Pennsylva-nia pensions have been issued: Original —Melvin D. Fanning, Wetona, Bradford, 8; Marshall Preston, Seranton, 36 to 6; Moses B. Vanico, Hornbrook, Bradford,

LONDONIAN SURVIVORS.

They Arrive in Boston from Balti-

More-List of the Missing. Boston, Dec. 9 .- The surviving members of the crew of the steamer Londonian rescued from the wreck by the steamer Vedamore reached this city

today from Baltimore. The names of those who are supin Cuba—Cablegrams from Dewey tain E. B. Lee, First Officer Murray, of Liverpool, and Third Officer J. Cottier, of London, are:

Carpenter Wickam, Boatswain Bohem, Able Beamen Carlsen, Petersen, Hennessey, Crowley, Corness, Webb, Johnson, Hendrickson, Howard, Nellson, First Engineer Strafford, of Hull, England; Third Engineer Stater, of Crowe; Fireman J. Ashford, of London; Chief Steward Nicholls, of Hull, England; Second Steward D. Darnell, also of Hull; Engineer Steward H. Waterman, of Lon-

don; Second Cook Charles Martin. The names of the two cattlemen were Daniel Covany and Thomas Doyle, both of this city.

In addition to these there was a young stowaway, whose name is supposed to be Cresse. This young man was a native of Calcutta, and had been In Boston for about five years, but was on his way to India by way of

Second Officer Gittings, of the Londonian, in talking of the disaster today, said that the report from Baltiore that after the forty-five men had been taken on board the Vedamore, the steamer was soon lost sight of, and it was supposed that the remainder of her crew remained on board, was an The second officer states that they left but one small boat on the Londonian and that boat was seen on the wreck by the King Arthur when she sighted her abandoned and carried the first intelligence of the disaster to Liverpool.

SMALL POX SCARE

OF BEDFORD

Committee of Indignant Citizens Pass Resolutions Condemning the Correspondents, Etc.

Bedford, Pa., Dec. 9.—Indignation was never greater than at the present monent in Bedford. Indignation justly caused by the false reports that have been given the press concerning the prevalence of small pox in Bedford. Stories have gone abroad that the whole town was afflicted with the dread disease, that the residents were quarantined and barricaded. Two hundred cases reported have dwindled down to seven. Two in the borough and five cutside within a radius of nine miles.

These seven cases are conceded to be small pex in a very mild form, though the patients being entirely under con- ened. trol and not permitted to mingle with of the postoffice department to other members of the family. secure information as to the conditions stories arising from interviews with and needs, and they will report to him Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia. who was sent here by the state board of health, are answered by Pr. W. T. horoughly familiar with the respec- Hughes, an old practitioner and emineat physician of this district.

The gressly exaggerated account of transportation, of imspection and reg- | the small pox scare in Bedford, given out by Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Philaiclphia, is an outrage and an impositien upon the people of the community. At a town meeting held this afternoon a committee was appointed of the town council and board of health and three prominent citizens. Judge J. M. Reynelds was made chairman. following resolution was passed and voted that it should be given to the

"The people of this town have been greatly startled by unfounded reports concerning the prevalence here small pox. No greater wrong to any community can be imagined than that perpetrated in this instance and deep indignation prevails among the people who collected in an informal meeting this afternoon and severely denounced the statements purporting to come from Dr. Atkinson. There are two cases in this town and seven outside. families in all being effected, and these are entirely under care and control. Dr. Atkinson did not see more than five families, he stated, and to say that 120 patients were under his eyes is entirely false. There is not the least alarm or apprehension felt among the people and they are simply dazed at the publicity given these falsehoods. That some cases of a peculiar skin affection have existed in different parts of the county may be admitted, but they are not small pox and the town has not been guarded or quarantined as was published."

TRAGEDY AT DUBOIS.

Three Persons Killed, Three Wounded and One Dies of Shock.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 9.-Three persons killed, three wounded and the mother of one victim dying of the shock caused by her son's death. All this resulted from two wrecks on the Clarion River railroad near Portland Mills in Elk county, Wednesday, A train loaded with pulp wood was being hauled down the steep grade near Portland Mills of the hill, owing to the slippery tracks. While the front end was descending the rear of the train became unmanageable and dashed down the hill, crashing into the front section. ections were wrecked and Brakeman Thomas Breshelman, on front section, was instantly killed. A dinky engine with a crew of five men was ordered back to clear up the wreck and bring back Breshelman's remains. The work was completed and while the train was and rolled over an embankment.

returning the engine jumped the track engineer, Harry Carman, was fatally njured and died a few minutes after and three brakemen, Sowers, Cassidy and McKnight, were all badly injured, McKnight's arm being crushed. When young Carman's invalid mother was acquainted of her son's death, she lansed into unconsciousness and her death is momentarily expected.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER MILL

THREE MEN ARE KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED.

The Press Mill and Four Grinding Mills at the Dupont Mills at Wilmington Explode with Terrible Effect-Cause of the Disaster.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 9,-Three men were killed and eight injured, three of them probably fetally by the explosion of a press mill and four grinding mills in the Hagley yard of the Dapont powder works, a few minutes after 10 o'clock today. The dead are: ROBERT M'ILLHENNEY, about 45 years

old, married; leaves widow and four JOHN WRIGHT, about 50 years old; JOHN MOORE, 40 years old, married:

leaves widow and five children The seriously injured are: Thomas McCann, aged 30 years; unmar

John Mulhern, 25, married; seriously burned. Samuel Stewart, 42; married.

Thomas Knox, aged 30; married. James McLaughlin, aged about 45. Michael Maloney, aged 40; unmarried. Of the injured men. Stewart, McCann

and Mulhern are in a serious condi-Immediately after the explosion the telephones were brought into service

and every Wilmington physician who could be communicated with, was summoned to the scene of the explosion to render aid to the wounded. The explosion occurred in the press

room of the Hagley, or lower yard works. A car load of powder that was being wheeled into the room was accidently overturned, and the car wheels running into the loose powder causing a friction that set the powder afire. The explosions quickly followed, all the powder that was in the press room going off in the five successive detona-

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION. The press mill was wrecked. The cause of the explosion is thus ex-

plained John Mulhern was driving two horses attached to a car on a track. The car contained perhaps a ion of powder. The horses shied and overturned the car. Immediately there was an explosion, the shock being directed toward the press mill, very close to the car. The press mill exploded and this was followed by five of the grinding mills in the immediate vicinity.

Mulhern escaped. He was thrown no alarm has been felt by the citizens, for some distance and was badly black-Mulhern's assistant, Thomas McCann, was seriously burned. He inhaled flames and his recovery is very doubtful. The operators at the press mill were

Mellihenney and Wright and the explosion caused their instant death The force of the explosion carried portions of the bodies across the Brandywine creek, a distance of 100 yards from the mill.

At the time of the explosion Moore, cho was employed as a carpenter in the yard, was within a few feet of the press mill. The back of his head was crushed and he died a few minutes

The shock of the explosion damaged property and shattered windows in all

TRIAL OF STEELE.

Cashier Upon the Witness Stand-States That He Was Never

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.-The government rested its case at noon today in the trial of William Steele, the cashier of the wrecked Chestnut Street National bank, charged with conspiracy with President William M. Singerly in the misapplication of the funds of the institution and making false reports of the bank's condition to the comptroller of the currency.

William C. Smith, the receiving teller, testified to having at various times carried in his drawer as cash many personal checks of Mr. Singerly's for large amounts. He carried these checks

order of Mr. Steele. Edward P. Moxey, a government ex-pert in the employ of the comptroller of the currency, testified regarding the falsity of the reports received from the Chestnut street bank. He instanced the reports of May and July, 1897. In the former the total loans and discounts were given as \$2,737,123, whereas on examination he found the figures should have been \$2,126,709. The checks and cash items were found to have been \$628,397 more than reported. Similar misstatements were embodied in the

July, 1897, report. The defense then opened, counsel for the defendant stating that he would prove that in all financial circles Mr. Singerly was looked upon as a very wealthy man, fully able to meet any obligations. Counsel asserted that his client had never profited one dollar by reason of the overdrafts and any act and the rear end was left on the top of his in carrying these overdrafts was the result of unbounded confidence in his superior officer, under whose in-

structions he was acting. Cashier Steele took the stand and his testimony in general was an admission that he knew all the time of the condition of the bank and of excessive loans being made to Mr. Singerly, He also stated that this condition was known by the directors and also by the

officials in Washington, His testimony in regard to the officlass at Washington was ruled out. Mr. Steele laid particular stress upon Of the crew on board at the time, the the fact that he never benefitted in any way whatever by the manipulation of the bank's funds by Mr. Singerly being extricated. Foreman Daniel and that he never at any time deempt-Myers was rescued and has since died ed or intended to withhold the true condition of the bank from the directors and the officials at Washington. He disclaimed any intention to defraud the bank. He always considered Mr. Singerly as a very wealthy to meet all his obligations.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Fair; Westerly Winds.

General - Congress Considers Army Three Killed, Eight Injured, in a Powder Mill Explosion. The Cabinet Considers Our New Pos

- Critcal State of Affairs in China. General-Testimony Before the War Inquiry Commission.
- Financial and Commercial. Local-Religious News of the Week,
- Her Point of View. Editorial. Comment of the Press,
- Advertisements. Local-Free Kindergarten Promoters Entertained. Busy Day in Criminal Court.
- Local-First Anniversary of Scranton's Big Department Store. Pinkerton Man After the Duryea
- Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- News Round About Scranton, 10 Local-Social and Personal. Musical Question Box.
- Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow, Religious Work in the Col-
- 12 General—Thirteenth Regiment Loses Another Member by Death,

SENATOR QUAY'S STAR WITNESSES

Ex-Judge James Gay Gordon and Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker to Be Subpoensed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.-Counsel for Senator Quay in the conspiracy charges for which he is to be tried next week, today subpoensed ex-Common Pleas Judge James Jay Gordon and ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker as witnesses for the defense. This news is interesting in view of the known opposition of both of these men to Senator Quay politically, and in view of the charges recently made by Senator Penrese in which he stated that the charges against Senator Quay were the result of a conspiracy to defeat him for re-election to the United States senate and in his place name a person favorable to Messrs, Wanamaker and Gordon.

Subpoenas were also served upon several persons in Judge Gordon's law of-

CUBAN EXTREMISTS ARE SATISFIED

Anxious to Assume the Responsibility of the Outrage at the Spanish

Santiago De Cuba, Dec. 9 .- The extremists of the Cuban Republican party seem anxious to assume the responsibility for the outrage at the Spanish club Wednesday evening, when Juan Castillo, a former Cuban officer, accompanied by two negro subordinates, rode into the club rooms and with their machetes smashed several lamps and did other damage. El Porvenir, the organ of this faction, claims that the act of Castillo "represents the feelings of a long outraged but now

sovereign people." Vice President Parbarosos, of the San Carlos club, has asserted that if Castillo had not been promptly released from custody ten thousand Cubans would have known the reason why, But such expressions must not be taken as representing the views of the best Cuban element, which is really

very strongly in favor of annexation.

General Leonard Wood's strong hand is much missed here, and his return, which is expected early tomorrow, will be doubly welcome. Today Colonel Beacom had before him Lieutenant Cranshow, of the Third immune regiment, who repeated a conversation he had with Captain Bickham, of the Ninth immunes, which throws considerable light upon the recent drunken affray of negro soldiers at San Luis and goes to show that the affair was premeditated and that the officers were more guilty than the men. Chief of Gendarmie Valiente has now ready 1300 men, from whom General Wood will choose a sufficient number to con stitute the force of gerdarmarie which he purposes establishing. Most of them, Chief Valiente gays, were good soldiers during the war, but many have since been virtually bandits, out of sheer hunger, as they could not rations because they were armed and refused to disband. He believes that

they would make efficient gandarmes. THE DEATHS OF A DAY.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 9 .- Rev. John Frederick Warman, a retired Moravian cler-gyman, died this morning about 8 o'clock t his home at Nazareth. He was in the eighty-sixth year of his age. Rev. War-man was a native of Germany, but came to this country early in life. He was at one time a Moravian missionary among the American Indians and was for years meeted with the American tract so-

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 9 .- John T. Trego, a prominent hotel man who for the past three years was proprietor of the Stev-ens house, this city, died today from diabetes. He was formerly proprietor of e Eutaw house, Baltimore, and Randail at Washington, D. C.

Maher Defeats Dunkhorst.

Pailadelphia, Dec. 3.-Peter Maker best ed Ed Durkhorst in a one-sided six-round go at the Arena tonight. Peter did most of the landing and in the second round sent the Syracusan to the boards twice. In the fifth round a hard left on the jaw sent him down again but the bell gov before the ten seconds were up. Maher went at his man in the sixth in hurricane fashion and landed almost at will but Dunkhorst managed to last out to the end.

Hanged for Assault.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 2.-Jordan Webb, olored, who committed a criminal assault upon Mrs. Lucy Bowden, an aged lady, in September last, was hanged at Courtland. Southempton county, today. man and one who was entirely able He admitted his guilt just before his ex-

SITUATION IN CHINA

and American British Interests Reported in Peril.

AFFAIRS IN CRITICAL STATE

Immediate and United Action by the Two Governments to Defend Integrity of Chinese Empire the Only Permanent Safeguard-Views of Our Former Minister to Siam. Manchuria Practically Russian. New-Chwang, the Most Northern Point for Our Products, Likely to Be Closed Soon,

Shanghal, Dec. 9 .- John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam, has returned here after visiting Pekin and the principal Chinese ports, He says the situation in China is of the most critical nature, and that Manchuria is no longer Chinese, but Russian territory. He asserts that News Chwang, the chief northern port for the movement of Americans products, is also practically Russian and is liable to be closed any day.

The only permanent safeguard to the paramount American and British interests, Mr. Barrett asserts, is immediate and united action by the interested governments to defend the integrity of the Chinese empire, to enforce reforms in the government, to prevent further cessions of ports and provinces and to insist on the "open door" policy in all ports of China, including the spheres of influence claim.

ed by Russia, Germany and France, Otherwise, Mr. Barrett, contends, the impending partition of the Chinese empire is likely to curtail seriously the field of trade by affecting disastrously American and British influence in Asia,

CHAIRMAN MOTT'S EDICT

The Czar of the L. A. W. Suspends Riders with a Ruthless Hand.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.-The six day bicycle racers now pedaling at Madison o Garden New York the ban of Chairman Mott, of the L. A. W., in his weekly bulletin announced today. Fines of \$50 each and suspension until paid "for competing in unsanctioned races" are imposed on the following:

Frederick Michael, Switzerland; Teddy Hale, Ireland; Etienna Stephane, Ulysses Monochan, Theodore Joyeux, Paris: Frank Cisnac, Australia; Charles Miller, Chicago; James Nawn, New York! Henry Pilkington, Ireland; Frank Waller, Boston; Fred. Foster, New York; Lewis I. King, Bloomfield, N. J.; E. J. Smith, Saratoga; Ed. Bacon, New York; Oscar Julius, Sweden; Earl Stevens, Buffalo; Magnus Gross, Brooklyn; Charles Neal, New York; James Rafferty, Jack Burke, New York; John Lawson, Minneapolis; Oscar Aronson, New York; Stephen Failon, Jersey City; A. G. Blizen, New York; Frank Albert, New York; Louis Gimm, Pittsburg; Bert Leslie, Chicago: Joe Rice, Wilkes-Barre, are fined \$50 each and suspended until paid for competing in unsanc-

Charles Turville is fined \$15 addls tional, making \$50 in all, for the same violation of the rules. The track at Madison Square Carden

tioned races.

is fined \$1,000 and suspended from the sanction privilege until paid. Eddle McDuffle, Boston, and Edward Taylore are fined \$200 and suspended until fine is paid for competing in unsanctioned races,

DR. ATKINSON'S REPORT.

A Different Version of the Bedford Small Pox Epidemic.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.-Dr. William P. Atkinson today submitted to Health Officer Lee a lengthy report, covering his investigation of the alleged epidemic of small pox at Bedford.

In his report Dr. Atkinson says he saw persons walking along the streets. just outside of Bedford, with small pox scabs dropping from their faces, and that in one house in Bedford he visited, a young man came to supper with well developed symptoms of the dis-The worst feature of existing conditions, he says, is that the people of the vittage have not only been mingling freely among themselves, but they have been allowed to visit at will other points in the state, carrying the germa of the disease with them and possibly spreading it broadcast. The board of health will, it is said, act at once in the matter of establishing proper quar-

antine regulations. UNION LODGE MEETING.

Officers Elected at Last Night's Meeting in Masonic Hall, Union lodge, No. 291, Free and Ac-

cepted Masons, held its annual meeting last night in Masonic hail. Officers were elected as follows: Worshipful master, Louis G. Schautz; senlor warden, William H. Hubbs; junior warden, James F. Wardle; treasurer, E. P. Kingsbury; secretary, Frank S. Hall; representative to the Grand lodge, Ellery Thornley; trustees, John Bacorn, Alexander Dunn and Ellers

***************** WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 9.--Forecast for Saturday: For eastern Pennsyl-*****